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WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 6th, 1909.

THE best known street of Washington, Pennsylvania Avenue is beginning to assume an inaugural holiday appearance. Seats and grandstands have been built in front the White House where the President, after his inauguration on the 4th of March, the diplomatic corps, and high government officials will sit to observe the grand parade. Thousand of others will here occupy seats on both sides of the Avenue at prices varying probably from one to two dollars. As usual the mile stretch of avenue from the Treasury Department to the Capitol grounds on the south side will be lined with seats or bleechers very much after the manner of those used in baseball, football or other athletic spectacles. Windows all along the avenue on both sides are rented at exhorbitant prices and from these thousands will gaze at the military, political and civic processions as they pass to and from the Capitol on the 4th of March.

As has been already observed President Roosevelt will be seen in the carriage only as it proceeds to the Capitol. He will not return with his successor to the White House but will go direct to the Union Station from the Capitol, and there take a train for his home at Oyster Bay. This is an inovation; but by no means, as the public well knows, unusual for Theodore Roosevelt. His personal household goods are already in process of shipment to his New York home and after President-elect Taft shall have taken the oath of office, President Roosevelt will become a private citizen. There is good sense and propriety in his effacing himself and turning his back on the White House and the Capitol, and leaving the glory and the burden, without diversion of his conspicuous presence, entirely to his successor.

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Congress is, to all appearances, wasting its time discussing nonessentials and having furious debates as to whether an appropriation of twelve thousand dollars shall be made for automobiles for the coming big president, involving a question as to whether the machine shall supercede the horse or whether the horse shall stand pat and defy the machine. These questions seem frivolous in view of the fact that the appropriation bills have not been passed and that conversation of the natural resources, the reorganization of the naval establishment, and other great questions equally as important are awaiting the action of the legislative body. But it must be remembered that Congress is talking to the galleries—the galleries being their constituents in far off states and Congressional districts. In Congressional committees work on appropriation bills is going on and the appropriation bills, complete or half complete, will be rushed through on the last days of the session.

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Important differences have developed among the members of the Committee on Ways and Means that are expected to involve a bitter fight over the tariff bill when it comes up before the House at the special session to be called for the tenth of March. The Republican standpatters on the committee are in the minority. It appears that Sereno Payne, leader of the House, and John Dalzell, the leading standpatter are not working harmoniously on the new tariff bill. From latest information regarding the Ways and Means Committee, Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, Bonynge of Colorado, Needham of California, Fordney of Michigan and Calderhead of Kansas are still as rigidly standpat as ever, but those in favor of revision downward and of a more liberal policy are Payne of New York, McCall of Massachusetts, Hale of Maine, Boutelle of Illinois and Longworth of Ohio. The two remaining members, Crumpacker of Indiana and Gaines of West Virginia appear to be a doubtful element but it is thought a majority is in favor of real revision. It is said that some of the differences between the two groups are irreconcilable and that they will not be settled except after a long debate and a bitter contest in the House.

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The President, as was expected, has vetoed the Census Bill appointing three thousand clerks without civil service examination. His most remarkable words in the message vetoing the bill were: I do not believe in the doctrine that to the victor belongs the spoils; but I think even less of the doctrine that the spoils shall be divided without a fight by the professional politicians on both sides; and this would be the result of permitting the bill in its present shape to become a law. The message was received with the accompaniment of laughter which has been the recent fashion of receiving messages from the President by the House and Senate. It is believed, however, that Congress will not be able to muster the necessary two-thirds vote to override the veto. It is thought probable that the bill will remain on the table, awaiting the action of the special Congress, which, although it will be called specifically for the purpose of considering a tariff bill, will nevertheless have plenary authority to enact other legislation. Even if Congress were able to pass the bill over the President's veto by a two-thirds vote, it is doubtful if some members and some senators would dare to vote in favor of such a measure.

Sea Water as a Curative

Sea water as a curative for certain kinds of disorders of the skin is one of the late methods of treatment that come to this country from France. It is hoped that it may supplant the use of arsenic as a remedy for such disorders. The water is taken at a distance of 40 or 50 miles at sea and is from a depth of 30 or 40 feet below the surface. These precautions are taken to insure a supply free from possible contamination and the water is further subjected to a process of sterilization. It is injected into the tissues of the patient.

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BLOW AT THE REVISION BOARDS

Levy Court Asks the General Assembly to do Away With Them

The Levy Court is evidently of the opinion that the Boards of Revision and Assessment of New Castle county, which created under an act passed two years ago, have not accomplished much, as the following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the court Tuesday morning:

Whereas, It appears the work of the Board of Revision and Assessment for New Castle county, as created by chapter 57, volume 24, Laws of Delaware, having been tried and bringing no good results. Therefore, be it.

Resolved, That this Levy Court strongly urges the repeal of said act, and instructs its attorney to drift a bill for its immediate repeal by the present General Assembly.

The following bill, which has been considered by the Levy Court, was read this morning and laid on the table for a week:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met:

Section 1. At the General election to be held in November, 1912, the terms of the office of the Levy Court Commissioners of the members elected in districts numbers one, three, five and seven in New Castle county shall be for two years, and commencing at the election in November 1914, and hereafter shall be for four years.

Section 2. Any persons elected in the above-named districts at the election to be held in November, 1912, shall be eligible for re-election to be held in November, 1914.

The purpose of this bill is said to do away with having an entire new body coming in every four years. Those familiar with the work of the court say it makes it very inconvenient for all new members coming at one time, as they know nothing about the work.

It is also claimed by those who favor the bill that in the event of its enactment, when it is put in operation there will be no more election of both State Senators and Levy Courtmen from the same district at the same election.

NO DECREASE IN USE OF WOOD

In spite of the advance in fireproof construction during the last ten years there has been no decrease in the use of lumber, according to a statement published by the Bureau of Forestry.

Both architects and builders admit, it says, that the forests of the country are likely to be the chief source of building material for many years to come. The heavy demand for lumber continues, although all of the various fireproof materials going into approved building construction are now used in greater quantities than was thought possible a few years ago.

The statement quotes from a report of the Geological Survey, showing that of the permits issued for building operations last year in forty-nine leading cities of the country approximately 61 per cent. were for buildings of wood, while the remaining 39 per cent. were for fire-resisting structures.

"These figures are more significant," the report adds, "when it is realized that they represent only the building activities in the largest cities. In towns and small cities wood is usually the predominating building material."

China's Peanut Crop

Peanuts form one of the largest crops over a large part of the northern provinces of China, and rather heavily into both the China coast and foreign trade. They go chiefly to Russian Pacific ports, Siam, Japan and Great Britain. Of the peanut oil the United States buys $500,000 worth a year.

NEW YORK FASHIONS

The Directoire modes with slight modifications will, it is predicted, remain in vogue right through the season and many of the loveliest of these early spring frocks are made with the high waist line. Sleeves are long and fit the arms closely and come down well over the hands in point effect. Lingerie frocks have sleeves tucked from shoulder to wrist or shirred mousquetaire style. A few models are made with fancy sleeve caps, but these are of the fitted variety.

In some of the new tailor frocks the sleeves are set into the shoulder absolutely without fullness.

Skirts are clinging and rather scanty as yet, but there is a promise of greater fullness as the season advances.

Tailor Gowns for Spring

Most of the new spring suits are made of plain materials though a few striped fabrics are seen. Serge is used a good deal, so also is mohair which comes with a new silky fluish that is very attractive indeed. Panama and cheviot are also employed and of course broadcloth. For dressy frocks voile is used, while cashmere is a prime favorite with the fashionable dressmakers. The coats of the new tailor suits are cut with the hipless effect and the long straight lines that have been the mode all through the winter.

They range from thirty-six to forty-five inches long and are in cutaway style fastening on the chest with two or three bottons and sometimes with only one.

Fashionable Fabrics

Some of the very prettiest of the new materials are made with deep borders of graduated stripes. Many charming cotton fabrics are finished in this way, while the new voiles are given a very elaborate and dressy appearance by a wide border of satin stripes. Foulards are to be worn again and come in lovely conventional patterns on a satin surface. Pongee and tussah silk will also be popular. This spring is to witness the revival of an old favorite sateen that has been out of fashion for years. Linens of all kinds both white and colored and their various imitations are to have a wide popularity.

The above designs are by The McCall Company, New York. Patterns may be obtained at any McCall Agency.

The Notable Opening

The largest retail establishment here, occupying two full blocks, is making a notable display of American Printing Company fabrics. These are a revelation to most women in their attractive reproduction (imitation?) of the smartest patterns and colorings of Pongee and Foulard Snitings.

Well known fashion designers are responsible for the "Up-to-the-minute" frocks displayed in the many windows, and it is safe to say that few women who see them neglect to buy one or two dress patterns of these practical and pretty wash fabrics.

Spring Millinery

Big hats of chip or Leghorn are to worn a great deal. These are lavishly trimmed with flowers and occasionally with ostrich plumes or paradise aigrettes. Large turbans are to be fashionable and many trim little hats in toque shape. The new toques of Directoire type made entirely of small roses or rose-buds and trimmed with small plumes or aigrettes are one of the very latest novelties. Big chip hats in picture shape are most artistically trimmed with flowers. An unusual but very lovely hat shown at a fashionable milliners is of pale blue chip, trimmed with violets massed across the front and loops of violet ribbon, while on the side are two very pale pink crush roses.

Roses of all sizes are special favorites, placed singly around the crowns of large hats, or two in mammoth size and harmonious tints sometimes compose the entire trimming of a small mushroom shape. Lilacs are another favorite garniture, and combined with large pink roses, the effect is charming.

LUCY CARTER.

GIVE MOTHER A CHANCE

My attention was arrested by an article, "Give the Girl a chance," in a recent number of the Agriculturist. I read it once and then the second time, and when I had finished, I thought "several things," I felt like saying, "Give mother a chance."

In the instance mentioned, of course, the father very dishonorably broke the promise made to his daughter. He evidently was incited thereto by his wife, a woman of weak character, as shown by the favoritism she displayed where the younger son was concerned.

As far back as Old Testament times, favoritism only brought sorrow and trouble to the unfortunate children thus singled out by scheming or foolishly fond parents. But aside from that some of the arguments used in the article referred to seem to me a little peculiar.

There must be something lacking in the bringing up of either son or daughter if, when arrived at marriageable age, they enter wedded life with the wish and expectation that father or mother, or both, are to help bring up the family which may come to them. "Mother" has brought up her own family and now, at middle age, is entitled to an easing of the burdens so long and patiently borne. No middleaged woman of average health and unimpaired mental faculties longs for absolute rest. That would be absolute punishment. But she does long for and enjoys a chance of activities and nights of rest unbroken by the cries of teething or colicky or croupy babies, or later, the rest broken while listening for those grown up children to come home after long evenings spent in the pleasant companionship of other young people.

All of which is right and their due, but mother does not sleep soundly until the last lotterer is safely home. Just as like as not she gets up several times to see that there is a good fire for the young people to warm themselves before they retire, and perhaps a cup of hot chocolate and a lunch for the ever-hungry boys and girls.

Now, if any girl is not well enough physically, or hasn't enough mental and moral backbone to take up courageously the joys and burdens of wifehood—which usually imply motherhood as well, without calling on mother to help at every turn, then that young woman had better not get married.

Of course we mothers all love to help our daughters and daughters-in-law in reasonable ways. It's fun to help plan the layette of the expected newcomer, or, getting out the little mother hubbard worn by the baby's father or mother some twenty-five years ago, with a few alterations of the pattern, help make up the supply of needed short dresses.

Or take the outgrown jacket of the high school girl, who has no younger sister to wear it out, and therefrom evolve a natty little coat for the grandson just emerging into the glory of Buster Brown garments.

And it's a pleasurable change to go some day and help tie a couple of pretty puffs or get a good start on a house dress for a busy young mother. But that is because we enjoy doing it, not because the young people married with the expectation that mother is to hold herself in readiness for another siege of baby tending to last through another decade or longer. Mother has usually all her middle-aged shoulder can bear doing her own work without any of the children left to helps her, and when done, she enjoys the chance of donning her good clothes—better clothes than she indulged in while she had growing daughters to do for—and with some boon companion of her own age, taking a little outing or attending a good lecture or first-class concert. Things which she always enjoyed but resolutely put behind her during the long years when her numerous brood needed her day and night, and the pennies all had to go for the clothing and educating of those children. She and father worked hard and long and gladly, but now they are entitled to a little change. Therefore, I say yes, give the girl a chance—and the boy, too,—to live the same brave, self-reliant, patient and self-denying life their parents have lived all those years.

If the girl is home making and housekeeping she will not wail for a "career" or about "living her own life" or "having a good time." She will be having a good time following the career of being the helpmeet of a good, honest man, and the happy mother of his children (provided there are not more than she has strength to care for properly,) and that, too, without calling on mother to help whenever things are hard.

As for the boy, he and a certain girl had better postpone getting married for a few years until he has a little start financially. This is certainly not hard to obtain in these days of good wages, if said young man is fond of work, steady and reasonably careful of his earnings.

Then he can have a home of his own—no matter if it is but a three room cottage—to take his young wife to, where she can keep house just as she likes, without fear of unfavorable criticism from anyone, and all parties concerned will be better off for having a chance to live by themselves.

They will love and respect each other more and still gladly render each other loving service if the occasion requires. But it need not be all on the side of mother. Several daughters and daughters-in-law whom I know intimately are so capable and so lovingly appreciative that if sickness overtook mother they would come unasked and do all in their power to ease mother's sufferings because they love her.

M. S. G.

A Six-Foot Actress

Miss Irene Smith, who plays La Bebe Bax in the new Drury Lane drama, stands six feet one and one-half inches in her stockings. It seems somewhat incongruous that she should wear high heels, her hair brushed high over a pad and a high hat, in order to give a greater impression of height. That is, however, what she does, so as to realize the description of being six feet four inches in height, in accordance with the design of the authors.

"DELAWARE" NOW AFLOAT

Great Battleship Glides Off Shore, To Bosom of Ocean

The great battleship Delaware was successfully launched from the yards of her builders, the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Saturday morning. The launching was witnessed by 8,000 persons.

The launching occurred at 10.02 o'clock. Among those present were Assistant Secretary of the Navy Satterlee, Governor Pennewill, and his staff; Lieutenant-Governer Mendinhall, a delegation from the Delaware Legislature and Rear Admiral Taussig and other naval officers. There also were present many prominent people from Delaware, including the Representative in Congress. The battleship was christened with champagne by Miss Anna Pennewill Cahall, of Bridgeville, Del., a niece of the Governor, who had as her aides Miss Florence Hazel of Dover, and Miss Ellen Coleman duPont of Wilmington.

The Ship Christened

Ready to christen the ship, Miss Cahall stood trembling with excitement on the launching stand, the christening bottle poised for the first move of the ship. Suddenly there was a rending sound and snap, the weakened beam gave way and as the Delaware moved down the ways Miss Cahall hurled the bottle of sparkling wine at the prow and exclaimed in a clear voice: "I christen thee Delaware."

EASY MATTER TO CARE FOR OUR BIRDS

It is easy to see that the birds are having a rather hard time of it just now. Not the birds which flit southward in the fall and will return to us with the warmer weather, but the sturdy little fellows, especially the partridges, who, like us, are unable to get away. They are the faithful friends who stand by in winter as well as summer, and their companionship is all the more desirable in that it is offered in the bleak and cheerless days of the year. It is too late in the day to debate the immense value of bird life to the country. All of us have a regard for them that is more than merely sentimental, even if in our carelessness we occasionally permit them to suffer. All of which leads to the remark that when the ground is covered with snow and ice the birds find it extremely difficult to secure their food. Every "hard winter" is tremendously destructive to the feathered tribes. This is true of the country as well as in the city and the smaller towns. Much of this death and suffering could be easily obviated were we only a little more thoughtful. It requires no exertion and costs no money to spread a handful of grain or crumbs abroad for the birds every day, especially when the ground is covered with snow, and it means much to them. Enough of them die of cold and exposure when the temperature is very low. It is almost cruel that others should starve when it is so very easy to supply them with food.

WILMINGTON M. E. CONFERENCE

The forty-first session of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference will begin on March 17th in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Milford. The conference will be presided over by Bishop David H. Moore, whose residence is Cincinnatti.

The program of anniversaries and other business of the Conference is being prepared at Dover.

Apropos of Conference, it may be mentioned that the Rev. Thomas E. Terry, pastor of Ebenezer Church, Easton, Md., has written a very interesting letter on the suggestion that the Conference districts should be readjusted. This suggestion has come from Bishop Moore.

"I can only say," writes Mr. Terry, "that, while no one can with certainty tell now what will be done, I think the probabilities are that the districts will remain as present constituted. Indeed I can see no good reason for reducing the number to three instead of the four we now have."

The addition to the Conference of part of what was originally the Virginia Conference, adding very materially to the Salisbury district and increasing the labor of the superintendent, is mentioned as one of the obstacles to such a change.

RICE GROWING IN TEXAS

The Japanese are the most thrifty rice growers in Texas. There are several colonies of these planters in the gulf coast region of the State. One of the largest is at Webster. Another colony is at Deepwater, about six miles from Webster. These Japanese give much more attention to the crop than the average American planter and as a result they obtain twice the yield. Many of the Japanese rice planters in the gulf coast region obtained from twenty to twenty-five barrels of rice an acre this season. The quality is better than the ordinary run of rice and top prices are obtained for the product.

TO HAVE GREAT FAIR THIS FALL

After careful consideration the managers of the New Castle County Agricultural Fair Association have decided upon August 31st and September 1st, 2d and 3d as the dates for the annual fair this year. Already numerous plans have assumed definite shape and many interesting features will be announced in the preliminary premium list, which will be ready for distribution the latter part of this month.

The premiums in the sheep and swine department will be more than doubled. T. Coleman duPont has generously given $100 to be used in the special premium department.

The list of special premiums will be more attractive than ever in all departments, and the early announcements will tend to give exhibitors ample time to prepare and plan for the competition later on. In May a full catalogue will be issued and details for each department will be announced. The executive committee announces with some pleasure the appointment of J. W. Killen as the representative of the Fair Association in Kent county. Mr. Killen will be well supplied with literature and will give any information desired concerning the fair, exhibits, transportation, &c., to the people of this county. Special provision has been made to cover freight on exhibits and Mr. Killen will explain the plan to anyone interested in that part of the State.

The work of the Experimental Station at Delaware College will be a most attractive feature and will be in itself well worth a visit. The showing of farm machinery will be much larger than ever before. Applications for spaces were made at the close of the 1908 fair.

Announcements of the race programme and purses will be made as early as possible. The Race Secretary, Howard Wallace, will give any information regarding the races that may be asked for. Any information as to the fair in general should be addressed to the office of the secretary at No. 1 East Fifth street, Wilmington.

CARRIE NATION COMING BACK

LONDON, February 9th.—Disappointed over the outcome of her crusade against drinking and smoking in England, Carrie Nation to-day booked passage for her return to America on March 12th. In the meantime the Kansas Hatchet Artist will make a desperate effort to have an interview with King Edward and to be received by the House of Lords. She has a temperance lecture prepared to deliver to the Lords.

Mrs. Nation explains her failure to accomplish definite results here to the lack of co-operation from the church.

"I found many avenues of reform that are common in America closed to me here, which made my tour largely ineffective. However, I am glad I came as the experience I have gained will be valuable.

"The drink evil in England is far worse than in America, especially on Sundays. The people are bound by a lot of silly conventions over here that you don't find in America. If I can just get to see the King, I think I can accomplish some good. I've been told the King is a good man at heart, and he surely will listen to me."

OUR WONDERFUL BODIES

The mechanism of the human body is the most complicated and perfect in existence. There is no movement known to engineers which does not exist in our bodies. The muscles alone number 500, and the alimentary canal measures about 32 feet.

The heart is six inches in length and four inches in diameter, and beats 70 times a minute, 4,200 times an hour, 100,800 times a day. At each beat of the heart two and a half ounces of blood are thrown out of it, 175 ounces a minute, 656½ pounds an hour.

All the blood in the body passes through the heart in three minutes. This little organ, by its ceaseless industry, pumps each day what is equal to lifting 122 tons one foot high, or one ton 122 feet high.

Each square inch of our skin contains 3,500 prespiratory pores, each of which may be likened to a little drainpipe one-fourth of an inch long, making an aggregate length in the entire surface of the body of 201,166 feet.

MAN THE UMBRELLA LOSER.

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ENGLISH FORESTS

After neglecting her forests for hundreds of years, Great Britain has come to the front with the most far-sighted proposal for forest work and land improvement ever advanced by any nation in a single plan.

The recommendations just made to the British Government by the Royal Commission on Afforestation and Coast Erosion will make England self-supporting in the production of timber if successfully carried out.

The report embraces two separate proposals, involving the forestation in one case of 9,000,000, and in the other of 6,000,000 acres. The former proposal calls for the forest planting of 150,000 acres a year for sixty years at an annual cost of $450,000 at the beginning to over $15,000,000 at the end of the period. After the fortieth year, however, the forest would become self-supporting. After eighty years, the forest would have a value of $2,810,000,000 which is $535,000,000 in excess of the cost of producing it, and would yield a net annual revenue of $87,500,000 or $9.73 per acre from and now barely producing 50 cents per acre. While these estimated returns are more than half again as much as the highly developed forests of Saxony yield, it is considerably less than the net revenue from the historic town forest of Zurich, Switzerland, the Sihlwald. In volume, the annual estimated wood production would exceed the present annual wood imports to England by 500,000 "loads."

Great Britain has long been dependent upon outside sources for her wood supplies. But the constantly increasing demand for wood, together with the overdrain already made upon these sources, indicates a world shortage of wood unless those countries which now have to import are able to establish and maintain their forest independence and grow the needed wood at home. Most of the countries of Europe have taken care to keep up the home wood output by looking after their forests before they were destroyed or hopelessly depleted, and managing them for a sustained annual yield about equal to the demand. The British Isles, however, are practically stripped of productive forests. If Great Britain is to grow her own wood, she will have to begin at the beginning, set out the seedlings on treeless ground, and wait for them to reach marketable size. The Commission recommends that this work of starting future national forests from the seed be undertaken "as a sound and remunerative investment."

GIFT TO THE DELAWARE

With reference to the proposed gift by Delaware people to the Battleship Delaware the one point to be kept constantly in mind is that the State in some way or other must raise sufficient funds with which to purchase a suitable present. It is not to be expected that a small State like Delaware should equal in munificence the gifts of larger states to ships that were named for them. Such an attempt would, of course, fail, but we must make a present in accordance with our means.

A meeting of the members of the Battleship Delaware Committee of the Board of Trade will be held this afternoon when the matter will be thoroughly considered. The committee, no doubt, will have many suggestions to offer. It has been stated that a decision has been tentatively reached to present a silver service to the ship and this it seems to us would be very appropriate.

It will not be difficult, however, to decide upon the kind of gift. The question is, How shall the money with which to pay for the present be secured? Various opinions are held. Some think the Legislature should make a sufficient appropriation and end the matter in that way. Others favor raising the money by private subscription.

Several local fraternal organizations have contributed small sums for the proposed gift and doubtless more of them will do so. We have no doubt that there is hardly an organization of any kind in the State that would not give something for this purpose as State pride and patriotism are involved in this matter. We have a number of rich men in Delaware—not a great many—who are amply able to contribute for this purpose, but during these times our rich men have felt the pinch of the depression. If these rich men would set the example by coming to the front with fair contributions the ball would be started rolling.

The plan of raising money by private contributions, however, might be tried. Hundreds of persons in the State would like to contribute even a small mite and their subscriptions would be as welcome as the larger ones. But if we relied solely on popular subscriptions and that plan should fail it would be too late, perhaps, to call on the Legislature.—*Evening Jurnal.*

WILL NOT RESIGN

"Some fool space writer started a rumor last week that Senator Richardson contemplated resigning his seat in the Senate, and rounded up his little yarn with the explanation that "Senator Richardson feels sore because the duPonts directed the recent campaign in Kent, and ignored him entirely." There's about as much foundation for the rumor as there is for the "explanation," and both are dreams. Senator Richardson, fortunately for the interests of the State, has no intention of resigning, and as far as any disagreement between him and the duPonts is concerned, the story is simply ridiculous bosh."—*Delaware Republican.*

It will take careful consideration to properly adjust the proposed State taxation schedule. The Legislature is filled with able men, but we doubt whether any committee named by that body can give to this or any other important subject the consideration demanded, during the brief per diem period now spent by the members in Dover. The Legislative session is brief, half the time limit has expired with very little accomplished, and ordinary business sense ought to suggest to the members the propriety of spending at least four evenings per week at the Capital in committee work.

LOCAL OPTION BILL PASSED

After a Long Discussion it Received the Approval of the House

DOVER, Del., Feb. 10.—Following a long debate during which the unsuccessful attempt was made to tack on amendments, the House at noon to-day passed the House bill resubmitting the license question to voters of rural New Castle county, and not a vote was cast in opposition to the measure, though two members voted under protest, one refused to vote and three others were absent when the roll was called. The bill received 31 affirmative votes.

The bill now goes to the Senate, and if similar action is taken by that body, it means that rural New Castle voters again will vote on license at the election in 1910.

The action on the bill was attended by far more excitement than has marked any session of the present General Assembly, and time and again Speaker Cooper was forced to rap for order, finally threatening to clear the House. In the gallery there was a large gathering of "drys," and they did not fail to applaud vigorously when a point was scored in their favor.

"God forgive me," exclaimed Colonel A. L. Ainscow, of Wilmington, who answered first in the roll call and who was the first to vote for the bill. "Not voting," shouted Representative Connolly of Wilmington, when his name was called, and Speaker Cooper announced that he voted for it under protest. Representatives Lafferty and Ledenham were absent, and Representative Bryan was not in the House when the roll was called.

In the gallery were such "dry" advocates as the Rev. John M. Arters, the Rev. Cyrus P. Keen, Caleb E. Burchenal and members of the New Castle W.C.T.U., who had placed on the desk of Representative Morrison of Newark, one of the signers to the petition, a large bunch of American Beauty roses and white carnations, tied with white ribbon. Representative Morrison was accompanied down on the train by the Revs. Joel S. Gilfillan and W. F. Corkran, together with several of the W. C. T. U. members.

The bill was the order of the day for 2 o'clock, and shortly after that time it was called up by Representative Armstrong, who had introduced the bill and urged its passage. After the bill had been read for the third and final time, the amendment more clearly defining "rural New Castle county" was unanimously adopted.

At this juncture Representative Grubb offered an amendment changing the form of the ballot which provided that instead of placing a cross opposite the words "for" or "against" license, as the case may be, the voter strike out "for" if against license and "against" if for it; also changing the ballot so as to place the word "for" above the word "against" instead of one on each side.

This amendment was lost by a vote of 12 ayes and 21 nays.

Mr. Brockson opposed the amendment, and Mr. Connelly spoke for it.

Following the reading of the last section of the bill, Mr. Ainscow offered an amendment, adding a new section providing that in the event of the district going "dry" the liquor dealers be permitted to continue their business until "January 1st, 1910." This was found to be a typographical error, as the election is not provided for until November, 1910, and the amendment was sent to the typewriters for correction, so as to extend the time until January, 1911. The object of this was to permit dealers to dispose of their business.

Mr. Brockson opposed this amendment on the ground that it was not constitutional, and he read a section of the constitution which makes the result of such a vote immediately following the election.

Mr. Connelly replied that anybody could claim anything was unconstitutional. He had been told that it was constitutional. Any other proposition be considered unfair and an injustice.

Mr. Sprnance agreed with Mr. Brockson and thought that the amendment was not offered in good faith but merely to make it unconstitutional.

Mr. Ainscow hotly denied this and said it was only to give the dealers a fair show, and Mr. Sprnance quickly replied that he meant to cast no reflection upon his colleague.

"I was not sent here by the organization, the rum interests or the temperance element," declared Colonel Ainscow. "I am here as an independent citizen and want to stand by the constitution of the State.

Speaker Cooper announced that he was not a constitutional attorney but that he would entertain the amendment, which was lost by a vote of 13 to 20.

Mr. Reeves next offered an amendment requesting that the governor not issue his proclamation in the event of the district going "dry" until January 1st, 1911.

This was vigorously opposed by Representatives Bradford, Sprnance and Janvier, all of whom declared that it was not constitution. This amendment was lost by a vote of 12 ayes and 20 nays.

Here Colonel Ainscow arose and declared "we are in a hopeless minority." He told the story of the man who went to sleep in church. The pastor asked all who wanted to go to heaven to stand, and all arose but the sleeper. He then asked all who wanted to go to hell to stand, and at this juncture the sleeper awoke and arose to his feet. Seeing the pastor standing, he exclaimed: "Pastor, I don't know what the question is, but you and I are in the hopeless minority."

The laugh which followed was general and prolonged.

The speaker announcing that the bill was on its final passage, Mr. Brockson again spoke in favor of the bill, quoting the constitutional, but Mr. Connelly declared that he did not believe the constitution meant for a man to vote against his conscience, or that he should participate in the affairs of a district he did not represent. He declared that he favored local option in all things, but he did not think that the members of the General Assembly should be required to vote on such a bill. He thought once a resubmission petition was presented, it should be signed by the President Protem of the Senate and the Speaker of the House and then turned over to the election department.

Colonel Ainscow arose and remarked, "If we must, we must," and he told another story, concerning a woman who entered a customs office on business and was told by an official that she was required to swear. Not understanding the nature of the oath, she hesitated, and she was again commanded, whereupon with much hesitation, she said: "Well, if I must, I must. God forgive me, d—— it."

There was an uproar of laughter and applause which the Speaker vainly tried to suppress.

Representative Reeves, of Delaware City, said he believed a majority of the people did not want "no license."

"That will be decided by the people in November, 1910," remarked Mr. Morrison, the Newark assemblyman.

The vote was next taken, and when the decision was announced there was another burst of applause from the gallery.

This caused Speaker Cooper to remark: "Order must be preserved. If the spectators do not keep order, we will clear the hall. This is no show. Order must be preserved."

On the test vote, which was on the first amendment to extend the time for disposing of the liquor business, the showing was as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Ainscow, Bayles, Bryan, Connelly, Donoho, Grubb, Marsh, Rawlins, Reeves, Truitt, Welch and the Speaker—12.

Nays—Armstrong, Bradford, Brockson, Ellison, Green, Hall, Hazel, Hopkins, Hudson, Jackson, Janvier, Jester, Minner, Morrison, McDonald, Pharo, Soper, Sprnance, Townsend, Ward and Williamson—21.

The other test votes were substantially the same.

COUNTED THE VOTES

Washington, Feb. 10.—The two Houses of Congress met in joint session in the hall of the House of Representatives yesterday to formally ratify the election of William H. Taft of Ohio and James S. Sherman of New York to be President and Vice-President of the United States, respectively.

Vice-President Fairbanks, occupying a seat on the right of Speaker Cannon, presided. After announcing the purpose of the gathering, he unlocked the wooden boxes containing the electoral votes, extracting and opening them in alphabetical order by States. As the votes of each State were opened, they were handled by the Vice-President to the four tellers, Senators Burrows and Bailey and Representatives Haines and Russell, who proceeded to count them. The count concluded, the result was announced to the presiding officer, showing 321 electoral votes for Taft and Sherman and 162 votes for Bryan and Kern. The Vice-President next inquired if there was any protest against the vote as announced and there being none, he formally announced the election of Taft and Sherman. The joint session then ended, the members of Senate returning to their hall for the regular transaction of business. Owing to the limited capacity of the hall of the House, few persons other than the families and relatives of the members of the two Houses witnessed the ceremony.

DEATH OF ROBERT McFARLIN

Former President of the Levy Court Robert McFarlin died at his home, "Federal Green," in New Castle hundred, at 10.50 o'clock Tuesday evening, of pneumonia, after a brief illness. He had been ill for a few days, but was out a week ago when he caught cold, and was confined to his bed, relapse resulting in his death. Mr. McFarlin was born in McDonough on January 8, 1851. He was married twice, his first wife being Anna Matilda Peach, who died 1898. His second wife who survives him, was Emma Parker, daughter of John Parker, of Wilmington. He never had any children.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence, "Federal Green," near Farnhurst.

(Communicated.)

LIQUOR LICENSES

Several grave defects in the statute permitting the sale of intoxicating liquors in this county should be remedied. The present law requires "12 respectable citizens" in the school district and 24 in the city ward—one-half of whom shall be "substantial freeholders"—to sign applications for licenses.

Be it always kept in mind that liquor selling is not deemed by the law a lawful business which all men may follow as of common right, but a dangerous traffic whose regulation is placed under the police power of the state, just like slaughter-houses, soap-boiling establishments, dynamite manufacturies and similar occupations liable to become dangerous public nuisances. Therefore, the legislature recognizing the perilous nature of the rum trade, intended by this provision of the "respectable citizens" signature to consult the wishes of the citizens generally as to the propriety of granting such licenses.

A fair expression at the ballot box of such public opinion in almost every district or ward in the County, would show a decided majority of the whole people against this issue. In fairness, therefore, to such adverse public sentiment, at least double the present number of signers for liquor applications should be required. Even 24 respectable citizens—much less 12—would be but a trifling proportion of the whole number of citizens in any community utterly opposed to the odious liquor traffic.

Let us take for illustration our own District. It will be observed that for the purpose of regulating this miserable trade, non-voting women (by universal consent the greatest sufferers from the limitless curse of its exercise) are by the law included in the term "respectable citizens;" i. e. all persons of lawful age in the community. Now see what a disproportion appears between a large number of these citizens and the 12, who may against the wishes of the many, authorize the deadly sale of rum! There are 800 adults in this school district; safe to say 500 of these are adverse to the traffic. Is it right that vital interests of so many should be imperilled by any 12 members of the community? Again, why 24 citizens required in a city ward and only 12 in the country? Is the country any less worthy to be protected against this awful "business" than the city?

But there remains another feature of the present law which is totally without reason or fairness—viz: that which permits the same 12 persons to sign any number of liquor applications in one district or ward.

This unjust provision enables a small group of men to stand sponsor for all the taverns and saloons in the whole district or ward—a practice that savors far too much of the shamelessness of the "professional jurymen" to be endured calmly by any community. Let the law be amended, requiring for each license different signers, as is the better practice in other states.

OBSERVER.

New Board of Pardons

The new Board of Pardons, consisting of Lieutenant Governor John M. Mendinhall, Chancellor John R. Nicholson, Secretary of State Daniel O. Hastings, State Treasurer David O. Moore, and State Auditor Theodore F. Clark, met at the State House in Dover on Thursday of last week and organized by electing Mr. Mendinhall chairman and Mr. Hastings secretary.

STATE OF DELAWARE

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION

To Whom all These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:—

WHEREAS, It appears to my satisfaction by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof, by the consent of more than two-thirds in interest of all the stockholders deposited in my office, the American Liquidating Company, a corporation of this State whose principal office is situated at No. 310 duPont Building, in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, State of Delaware, Delaware Charter Guarantee and Trust Company, being agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served, has complied with the requirements of "An Act providing a General Corporation Law," amended and approved March 7th, A. D. 1901, amended and approved March 17th, A. D. 1903, amended and approved March 29th, A. D. 1905, and amended and approved March 21st, A. D. 1907, preliminary to the issuing of this

CIRTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION

Now, therefore, I, Daniel O. Hastings, Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, do hereby certify that the said corporation did on the 10th day of February A. D. 1909, file in the office a duly executed and attested consent, in writing, to the dissolution of said corporation executed by more than two-thirds in interest of all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the records of the proceedings aforesaid, are now on file in my said office as provided by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, at Dover, this tenth [STATE SEAL.] day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine.

DANIEL O. HASTINGS,
Secretary of State.

PUBLIC SALE!

The undersigned will sell at public sale, on the "Elliott Farm," one mile west of Townsend,

Tuesday, FEB. 16, '09

At 10 o'clock, A. M.,
The following described Personal Property to-wit:

16 HEAD OF

Horses, Mules, Colts

No. 1—Elsie, gray mare, 6 years old, a splendid work mare, none better.

No. 2—Liza, gray mare, 9 years old, No. 1 work mare single or double.

No. 3—Nance, gray mare, 8 years old, good size, as fine a work mare as any man owns, in foal by Clydsdale Stallion. Nos. 2 and 3 should go together.

No. 4—Ruby, dark brown mare, 3 years old, will weigh 1200 lbs., and partly broken. She is worthy the attention of horsemen, as no man owns a better one.

No. 5—Beauty, black mare, coming 3 years old. This is a beauty, and must be seen to be appreciated. She will make a good one.

No. 6—Annie, gray mare, 4 years old in April. This is a splendid work mare, kind in all harness, and will make a fine road mare.

No. 7—Mollie, black mare, 4 years old, a splendid work mare, good size and a good road mare, in foal.

No. 8—George, spotted horse, 6 years old, a fine work horse.

No. 9—Spot, bay and white pony, 6 yrs. old, a good saddler and worker, safe for anyone to drive.

No. 10—Nellie, bay mare, coming 3 yrs. old, partly broken, wherever I have hitched her she worked kind. This will make a very fine mare.

No. 11—Dan, black horse, 6 years old, good size and a splendid work horse. He would suit an undertaker.

No. 12—Gypsy, brown mare, 7 years old, a good work mare and driver and you can't hitch her wrong. Guaranteen to be fearless of autos and traction engines.

No. 13—Buck Skin, 8 years old, a good work horse and as true as steel.

No. 14—Ethel, sorrel mare, 2 years old, partly proken, and promises to make as good as any man owns.

Nos. 15 and 16—Pair Mules, fair size, quick and true, and a splendid team.

27 HEAD OF

CATTLE

25 head of carefully selected Milch Cows some with calves by their side and others close springers. Two stock Bulls. These cows have been tested by Dr. H. B. McDowell, and will be sold under a guarantee, accompanied with a certificate from Dr. McDowell. Those in need of dairy cows should not fail to attend this sale.

24 HEAD OF

HOGS AND PIGS

12 shoats, will weigh from 80 to 100 lbs. 9 pigs seven weeks old. 2 brood sows. One boar hog.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS, &c.

Five iron axle farm wagons, in good order; 1 60-basket tomato bed and springs, 1 40-basket tomato bed, 2 hay riggings, 1 dearborn, 1 carriage pole, 1 Chattanooga double disc plow, good as new; 1 Disc harrow, 1 Acme harrow, 1 Spring Tooth harrow, 1 60 tooth wood frame harrow, 1 60-tooth iron frame harrow, 1 roller, in good condition; 1 McCormick mower, 3 Iron Age wheel cultivators, 4 hand cultivators, 3 3-horse Wiard plows, 2 1-horse plows, 1 2-horse plow, 1 potato plow, 1 hay fork and rope with 30-foot track, forks, shovels, hoes, 2, 3 and 4-horse trees, and many other articles. HARNESS—Three sets wagon harness, in good order; 6 sets plow harness, 8 bridles and 8 collars.

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One-half interest in 135 acres of Wheat in the ground.

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☞It is especially urged that plans be made EARLY for Exhibits. This month is the time to attend to it. DON'T PUT IT OFF.

Requests for Premium Lists, &c., may be made to the office of the Fair Association, No. 1 East Fifth Street, Wilmington, Del.

Preliminary Premium List Ready February 1st

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A February Sale!

Our winter stock is nearly all gone, but there is some left. There is still plenty of winter left, and you will have use for these great bargains. The remains of our counter stock of Ladies Goods should interest you:

A few ladies' long black Coats, to be disposed of, beautifully trimmed and all-wool. Regular prices $5.00 to $10.00, now..... $2.50 to $4.98

All our $1.25 Flannelette Wrappers go for..... 75c

Ladies' 75c, $1.80 and $1.55 Waists, all reduced to. 50c

Ladies' long Furs, were $1.00 to $5.00, now.....50c to $2

SOME BARGAINS IN MEN'S GOODS

Men's Shirts—can be used in summer as well as winter, in all the latest styles, 50c and 75c kind, now 37c., $1.00 kind, now 75c.

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The Stated Annual Meeting of the Odessa Loan Association, of Odessa, Del., will be held at the Academy, on Monday, FEBRUARY 22d, 1909, at 7 o'clock, P. M., at which time a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected to serve one year, and three (3) Directors to serve three years. Also, at the same time a limited amount of Stock in the 25th Series will be for sale.

L. V. ASPRIL, JR., Secretary.

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—OF—

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The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1908 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART, IN TOWNSEND, DEL.,
SATURDAYS,
FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1909.
From 1 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

An abatement of 5 per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid during the month of August.

WILLIAM C. MONEY,
Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

FOR SALE!

Yoke of oxen or would exchange for young farm horse.

GEORGE L. TOWNSEND,
Odessa, Del

The Middletown Transcript

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.25 a. m., 10.05 a.m., 4.05 p.m. 6.00 p. m. and 8 p. m.

Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m

For Odessa—7.5.0 a. m., 8.30 a. m. 11.30 a. m., 4.50 p. m.

For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9.20 a. m. and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 13, 1909.

Local News

Fresh and salt meats of the first quality, at W. H. ECHENHOFER'S.

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FOR RENT.—House and Stable, east Main street, now occupied by Edgar B. Vail. G. E. HUKILL.

Dr. J. C. Stites has removed his dental office to the building recently vacated by the Western Union Telegraph Co., next door to J. L. Shepherd's office.

FOR SALE.—Partition suitable for office with 5 frosted glass windows and double doors. Apply to DR. P. R. SMITH.

Mrs. W. Reese Parker gave a luncheon at her home on Cochran street Monday afternoon in honor of her guests, Miss Whalen and Miss Jones.

FOR SALE—Cyphers Incubator and Brooder, in first-class condition. Will be sold at less than half their original cost. Apply at THIS OFFICE.

The Matinee Euchre was entertained on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. Robert A. Cochran, by his daughters, Misses Lydia and Josephine Cochran.

The Delaware Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, colored, will meet this year a Waugh Chapel, Cambridge, Md., March 18th. Bishop Warren will preside.

A meeting of the Farmers' Club will be held in the room over the *New Era* office on this (Saturday) afternoon, at two o'clock. All farmers interested in tomato growing are requested to attend this meeting.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Feb. 4th: Miss Emma Bisk, Miss Lida Draper, Miss Sallie Fullman, Lydiam Harris, Mrs. James A. Price, Mr. Garfield Chambers, Mr. A. R. MacAllen.

I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live in it so that his place will be proud of him. Be honest, but hate no one; overturn a man's wrongdoing, but not overturn him unless it must be done overturning the wrong. Stand with anybody that stands right, stand with him while he is right and part with him when he goes wrong—Abraham Lincoln.

The New Century Club gave a "Birthday Party" on Tuesday afternoon, that being the Club's twelfth birthday. The members gave themselves a birthday present of twenty-five chairs, which were badly needed. A peculiarity of the party was that the hostess invited no guests, but enjoyed the party alone, with the exception of a few guests who were visiting the Club members. On next Tuesday afternoon, the Club will be entertained by Rev. F. H. Moore, who will speak of "Motoring Through Ireland."

An entertainment of more than ordinary interest is promised at the Assembly Room of the Middletown High School, on next Friday evening, February 19th, when Miss Ola Bidwell, one of Chicago's most noted and versatile entertainers, will be present. She gives a program varied in rich singing, violin playing and reading, and from the press notices before us, is certainly an artist of no mean ability. The price of admission will be 25 cents. The program will be given in our next issue.

A very pretty wedding took place on Wednesday evening, February 10th, at eight o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer D. Scott, 440 Queen Lane, Germantown, Pa., when their daughter, Edna Mae, was united in marriage to Mr. Samuel Townsend of Townsend, Del. The Rev. W. H. Bisbing of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Advocate, of Germantown, performed the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her gown was a handsome embroidery robe and she carried a shower bouquet of bride roses and lilies of the valley.

A stranger called at the livery stable of Mr. Corbit Vinyard on Wednesday, February 3d, and hired one of his best teams, stating he was going to drive to Cecilton, Md. When he failed to return that evening, Mr. Vinyard telephoned to Cecilton, but could not find anyone who had noticed a man of the description given in town that day. Mr. Vinyard notified the authorities of all the surrounding towns, but has not heard of its whereabouts at this writing. A full description of the stolen horse and top buggy will be found in his advertisement in another column of this paper.

The Crop Reporter, published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, gives some interesting facts about Delaware. In the estimated number, average price and total value of farm animals in the United States, Delaware stands with Connecticut, Virginia, South Carolina and other states. There are 37,000 horses owned in Delaware, according to the Reporter, the average price per head being $100. Six thousand mules were owned in this State at the beginning of this year, the average price per head of which was $129. In Delaware on January 1st, there were 38,000 milch cows, the value per head of which was $36. Of other cattle Delaware has 22,000, the average price per head being $19.50. Sheep in Delaware number 12,000. The price per head is $4.40.

PERSONALITIES.

Mrs. W. J. Barnett visited friends in Townsend last week.

Miss Mary Lynam has been spending several days in Townsend.

Mr. Ansell, of West Point, New York is the guest of Mrs. J. C. Stites

Misses Maria and Mary Nowland spent part of this week in Philadelphia.

Mrs. W. R. Parker entertained Miss Jones, of Dover, during this week.

Mrs. Hugh C. Browne, of Wilmington, visited her mother, Mrs. H. V. Parvis, last week.

Miss Eliza Cochran, of Elwyn, Pa., spent last Sunday with her mother, Mrs. W. R. Cochran.

Mrs. Emma Kemble Colt spent part of this week in town, the guest of Mrs. F. H. Lockwood, and renewed old friendships.

Mrs. Fred Brady and Miss Mary Hutchins were in Dover on Wednesday, guests at the "Birthday Luncheon" of the Dover Century Club.

Miss Elizabeth Lindley is spending several weeks in Philadelphia. Mrs. Lindley will join her this week and spend sometime in the city.

The many friends of Mr. George L. Townsend, Sr., who was operated on at the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia last month, will be pleased to learn of his rapid improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Lewis and daughter, Miss Prudence, have been spending several days in North Branch, N. J., with Mrs. Lewis' parents, who on Wednesday celebrated their golden wedding.

Mrs. Ida Bouchelle, of Chesapeake City, Md., has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Mamie Woodruff, to Mr. Frank Swartz Clayton. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride's mother on Tuesday afternoon, February 23d.

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Capt. Elmer Palmer, of Frederica, spent one day this week in town.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wilson spent a few days last week in Philadelphia.

Miss Katie Kumple, of Delanco, N. J., spent one day last week in town.

Miss Lucy Appleton is spending two weeks with friends in Wilmington.

Mrs. L. V. Aspril, Jr., is spending this week with her sister at Horsham, Pa.

Mr. William Rose has left for Chester, Pa., where he has accepted a position.

Mr. Hollis Baker, of Aberdeen, Md., spent a few days of this week in town.

Dr. A. B. Davis, of Camden, N. J., spent last Sunday with friend in town.

Mrs. O. C. Stevens entertained her sister, Mrs. S. E. Barwick, of Kennedyville, Md., last week.

Mrs. Kate Gremminger has returned home, after spending sometime with her sister in Merchantville, N. J.

Mr. William Rhodes, of Camden, N. J., is spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Rhodes.

Miss Emma Wiest left Thursday for Delanco, N. J., where she will spend sometime with Miss Katherine Kumple.

Mrs. Daniel Gabke and daughter, Mabel, of Wilmington, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson.

Mrs. Fred Kumple has returned to her home in Medford, N. J., accompanied by her sister, Miss Bertha M. Stevens, who will spend a few weeks with her.

TOWNSEND

Miss Grace Wilson, of Milton, is the guest of Miss Nettie Breadsley this week.

Mr. Kemp Donovan was the guest of his friend, Samuel Smith, of near Dover, over Sunday.

Mrs. Leonard Dickinson, of New Castle, is spending sometime with her parents here.

Mr. Leroy Lockerman, has accepted a position at Dover, and entered upon his duties on Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Warren, who have been residing in town for sometime, left on Saturday for Clayton.

Mr. William Rhodes, of Camden, N. J., is spending sometime at the home of Mr. Walter Heavelow, of near town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Warren, of Philadelphia, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Otho Marvel and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardener Shockley and daughter Mary, were the guests of friends near Dover on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mort Gibson, of Kent Island, have been spending sometime with her uncle, Mr. David Hutchison.

Mr. Joseph Hutchison, Jr., of near town, returned on Tuesday, after a few day's visit with his sister, Mrs. Walter Lee, of near Smyrna.

Edward Hart returned home on Monday from Newport, News Va., where he witnessed the launching of the battleship Delaware on Saturday.

Mrs. Maggie Lee. who has been spending the past three weeks with her daughter, Mrs. John Morris, of near Smyrna, returned home on Saturday.

WALL PAPER LITIGATION

Washington, Feb. 10—With a view to correcting what is believed to be a general misunderstanding of the scope and effect of the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in the case of the Continental Wall Paper Co. against the Lewis Voight & Sons Co., the statement is made that the court did not hold, as seems generally understood, that anyone purchasing goods from an unlawful trust can keep the goods without paying the purchase price.

What the court did hold was that where the contract to purchase the goods was a part of trade and was itself one of the agreements in restraint of trade and where the person or company who bought the goods was a party by such purchase of the illegal combinations the court would not give its aid to carry out the forbidden contract. If, therefore, the buyer defended the suit on the ground that the contract of purchase was a part of the agreement in restraint of trade and the seller admitted the fact, there could be no recovery on that account.

This, it is stated, is not a new doctrine and the distinction is clearly made between the man who purchases goods from an admitted illegal trust in the ordinary way and the man who buys goods under a contract agreement which is itself a part of the illegal scheme in restraint of trade

LEGISLATIVE RECORD

Brief Summary of the Doings of the General Assembly During Past Week

Following a long debate, during which the unsuccessful attempt was made to tack on amendments, the House at noon Wednesday passed the bill resubmitting the license question to voters of rural New Castle county, and not a vote was cast in opposition to the measure, though two members voted under protest, one refused to vote and three others were absent when the roll was called. The bill received 31 affirmative votes.

The bill now goes to the Senate, and if similar action is taken by that body it means that rural New Castle voters again will vote on license at the election in 1910.

The action on the bill was attended by far more excitement than has marked any session of the present General Assembly, and time and again Speaker Cooper was forced to rap for order, finally threatening to clear the House. In the gallery there was a large gathering of "drys," and they did not fail to applaud vigorously when a point was scored in their favor.

The Senate, under suspension of rules, passed the House bill appropriating $4,800 for the expenses of the governor, his staff and the militia at the presidential inauguration, which was passed by the House, which insures the attendance of the militia at this great national function, but there is no provision for the legislature taking part, and the members will not go unless it should be arranged later to make provision for them. Some members have already declared their intention not to go, under any circumstances while a goodly number would like to take the trip, and some may do so at their own expense.

Senator Conner's bill for the enlargement and improvement of the State House has been introduced and referred to committee, under suspension of rules. It names a commission comprising Governor Pennewill, ex-Governors Lea and Tunnell, Senators Monaghan, Corbit and Conner, Speaker of the House Cooper, Representatives Lafferty and Townsend, who are to serve without pay, but are to have their actual expenses paid. A bond issue of $125,000 at 4 per cent. is provided for, bids for which are to be opened June 1st, this year, by the Secretary of State and Auditor. The commission is to have authority to employ an architect to draw the plans and also to supervise the work, which the commission is empowered to have done. It is proposed to erect an administration building adjoining the State House with a library in the rear, both to be fireproof. The project is to be completed within the next two years. Two hundred copies of the bill are to be printed for distribution.

The bill to incorporate the Kent County Trust and Safe Deposit Company was introduced in the House, provides for a capital of $50,000. Arley B. Magee, William Temple and several other residents of Kent county are named as incorporators.

Representative Hopkins has given notice of a new bill for the licensing of gypsies, repealing the present law, which provides for a license of $50 for each tribe, and makes the amount $500, the license being good only for a year, and not being transferable. This will apply to every tribe entering Delaware, whether it stays here a week or a year, and is intended to keep all tribes out of the state.

Another House bill passed by the Senate was that providing a fine of not more than $500 or 6 months' imprisonment or both, for persons convicted of poisoning animals.

Mr. Soper gave notice of a bill providing for permanent road building in Kent county. The exact provisions are not known, but it will provide for a larger appropriation for Kent county and will permit the county to expend money for such.

Mr. Hopkins gave notice of a bill authorizing the state to take $100,000 worth of bonds in the construction of a state trolley road if such is built, providing for the appointment of a commission by the governor, which commission may authorize the issue if it sees fit.

Mr. Grubb gave notice of a bill fixing the standard measure for farm produce, which will provide that the bushel and half-bushel measure will be used instead of the five-eights measure. He contends that some dealers compel farmers to sell a five-eights basket for a half-bushel, and that the dealers benefit themselves by the change.

The bill licensing professional nurses, which has been introduced in the House, provides for a board of examiners, to be composed of two physicians and three nurses, to be appointed by the governor from a list of ten graduate nurses, with three years experience, to be selected by the Delaware State Association of Graduate Nurses and four licensed physicians, whose names are to be submitted in like manner, the first appointment is to be for the terms of one, two and three years, the subsequent terms to be three years. The board is to elect one of its members secretary, who is to be paid at a rate not exceeding $50 a year and each of the other members of the board is to be paid $5 a year, in addition to traveling expenses. The board is to examine applicants for certificates and grant the same. The law is not to apply to non-professionals who are nursing patients.

Representative Janvier's bill for the protection of muskrats, which has been introduced in the House, applies only to Kent and Sussex counties, making a closed season from March 20 to December 20, prohibiting the trapping or killing of muskrats during that time under heavy penalty, except where the muskrats are found to be undermining dams.

Because of errors made in calculating, Governor Pennewill has returned to the House the bill passed providing that certain liquor dealers be refunded overpaid license money, with his veto. The amount of money claimed was about $6,000, due to changes being made in the terms of court, but the governor claims that the actual number of days was 80 instead of two months and 18 days.

County Finances

County Treasurer Burns submitted to the Levy Court on Tuesday his usual weekly report showing the following county balances to date: To the credit of the Levy Court, $57,997.44; special bond issue, $14,333.08; Miscellaneous road, $231.73; Christiana Hundred, $3,133.79; Mill Creek, $1,559.35; White Clay Creek, $88.12; Pencader, $116.86; New Castle $1047.71; Red Lion, $611.39; St. Georges, $1,145.41; Appoquinimink, $214.31; Blackbird, $33.44, Brandywine, $566.42.

NEW JURY PANEL

It Was Drawn Wednesday to Serve at the Coming Term of Court

The following jury panel for service at the Court of General sessions, for the term beginning March 1, was drawn Wednesday by Commissioners Cooch and Scott. This panel will serve during the first two weeks of the term.

First Representative District—Frederick Fredericks, George M. Gillespie, Bernard Donahoe, Edward Abbot.

Second—Clarence B. Cox, Charles Sweeney, William W. Anderson, Charles A. Fell.

Third—Frederick L. Kurtz. Charles L. Story, John T. Hemphill, Thomas S. Lewis.

Fourth—John L. Malone, Michael F. Doordan, John A. Clark, Thomas E. Newell.

Fifth—Frank H. Bradbury, John C. Boulden, James B. Oberly, William J. McKnight.

Sixth—Clarence Fraim, William S. Bird.

Seventh—Brinton J. Evans, John A. Lawless.

Eighth—George W. Aiken, J. Haeney Moore.

Ninth—J. Warner McNeil, James McKeowan.

Tenth—Charles J. Countiss, Richard Megginson.

Eleventh—Edward S. Armstrong, George McConaughey.

Twelfth—Frank L. Davidson, John N. Lester.

Thirteenth—Boyd McCoy, Fred A. Reynolds.

Fourteenth—John W. McCoy, William B. Weldon.

Fifteenth—J. Corbit Reynolds, Samuel Sweetman.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Miss Elsie Karsner spent last week in Baltimore.

The fifty-ninth anniversary of Bohemia Lodge, No. 68, I. O. O. F., will be celebrated in the lodge room Saturday evening.

Miss Mary Swing is enjoying a visit in Philadelphia.

Bennett Savin, of Wilmington, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Helen Ellison was a Kirkwood visitor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Woolley were Baltimore visitors this week.

Miss Anita Karsner, of Baltimore, is the guest of Miss Elsie Karsner.

The Mission Band met at the home of Miss Katie Pensel Friday afternoon.

Mrs. J. Groome Steele and Miss Evelyn Kibler spent Monday at Newark.

Miss Alice Vail, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. N. Price.

Dr. H. A. Cleaver, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his father, T. J. Cleaver.

Miss Esther Banks has returned from a delightful visit to Oxford, Pa., and Port Deposit.

Misses Jennie Swing and Evelyn Spear were entertained by Miss Lenore Lake over Sunday.

Miss Annie Price spent Saturday and Sunday with her uncle, W. T. Clark, in the First district.

The Teachers' Reading Circle for the Second district met at the High School Friday afternoon.

The Chesapeake City schools will hold an entertainment in the Masonic Hall, Friday evening, February 26.

Mrs. Charles Cooling and son Roland are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Arrants, in Elk Neck.

Mrs. Thomas Pierce and Mrs. Harry Budd, of Cecilton, were entertained by Mrs. Byron Bouchelle on Monday.

Don't forget the "Valentine Luncheon" to be held Saturday evening in Reed's Corner store by the Christian Endeavor Society.

The ladies of the Bethel M. E. Church will hold a supper at the home of Isaac Dean, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week.

The Epworth League will hold a luncheon on Friday and Saturday evenings, February 19 and 20, at Reed's Corner store. The public is invited.

Mrs. Ida Bouchelle has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Mamie Woodruff, and Mr. Frank Swarts Clayton, to take place at her home on Bohemia avenue, Tuesday afternoon, February the twenty-third, at three o'clock.

The friends of Miss Lenore Lake tendered her a delightful party Friday evening at her home at Back Creek. Those present were Misses Louise Boulden, Ollie Dean, Minnie Bowers, Ethel and Carrie Ellison, Jennie Swing, Julia Garrett, Mary Neff, Evelyn Spear, Mary Foard, Eva Foard, Augusta and Mary Baker, Anna Hevelow, Lulu and Alma Bryson, Florenca Steele, Beulah Jewell, Emma and Lena Spear; Messrs. Roy Allen, Robbert Baker, Herbert Garrett, Charles and Ralph Price, Ralph Smoot, Joseph Clay, Eugene Hevelow, George Borem, John Clark. Ward Beaton, John Banke, George Vaughan, George McKeown, Tom Savin, Norman Spear, Carol Woolleyhan, Fred Cooling and Paul Lake.

CECILTON

Mr. E. S. Short is spending this week in Greensboro.

Miss Grace Cruikshank is a Philadelphia visitor this week.

Mr. Allan D. Price, of Elkton, spent Tuesday with friends in town.

Miss Blanche Padley was the guest of Miss Iona Benson part of this week.

Miss Mollie McCoy, of Elkton, is visiting her mother, Mrs. James P. McCoy.

Rev. O. E. Jones and mother attended the funeral of his niece, at Wilmington, on Tuesday.

Miss Bertha Coppa e, of Sassafras, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Mabel Coppage.

Mr. Geo. Boyles and wife, of Warwick, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith.

Miss Edna Banning, of Middletown, spent part of this week with her friend, Miss Mary Blackway.

Les a College Trustee

Governor Pennewill has honored his predecessor, ex-Governor Lea, by appointing him a member of the State section of the Board of Trustees of Delaware College, to fill a vacancy, the board having declared vacant the seat of Trustee J. Edward Addicks, because of absence from meetings.

WARWICK

Mr. W. T. Vinyard spent Sunday with Mr. E. W. Manlove.

Miss Eva Holden, of Chester, Pa., is visiting her parents here.

Edwin Spear, of Bohemia Manor, visited relatives in town on Saturday.

Mrs. [illegible] Lynch is confined to her room with the la grippe.

Mrs. Wm. H. Dickerson is seriously ill. Dr. C. A. Ritchie is in attendance.

Miss Eula Vinyard, who was ill the first part of the week, is able to be out.

Numerous limbs are being blown from trees along the streets by the high winds.

John Lynam Lattomus visited Smyrna relatives on Monday and Tuesday of this week:

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Connor were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Manlove on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Wilson were Wilmington visitors several days during the past week.

Fresh fish have made their appearance and the prices are reasonable owing to the large supply.

Mr. Wm. Unruh, of Wilmington, spent from Friday until Monday with his parents, near town.

Mr. James Boyles and sister, Mrs. Macdonal, were the guests of Earlville relatives last week.

Rev. C. M. Cullom attended a meeting of the Ladies' Aid, near Salem, last Wednesday evening.

Contractor Harsch, of Narbeth, Pa., and County Commissioner Desbane were in town on Saturday.

Mrs. Edward Armstrong, of near McDonough, visited her mother, near town, part of the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyles entertained Mrs. Wm. Boyles and daughter, of Earlville, on Friday.

Mrs. Mary A. Lofland entertained Mrs. C. R. Manlove, daughter and son, of near Middletown, on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Urie P. Ginn and son, Wilson, were the guests of Mrs. A. R. Merritt one day last week.

Miss Bessie W. Gunkle returned from Westminster on Friday, accompanied by her friend, Miss Allie Jones.

Mrs. Mary Lynch and daughter, of Elkton, were the guest of Mrs. Wilson Merritt last Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. T. L. Smith has returned home, after an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Price, near Cecilton.

There will be preaching at the M. P. Church next Sunday A. M. at 10.30 o'clock. Rev. C. M. Cullom. pastor.

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society held their monthly business meeting at the home of Mrs. John R. H. Price last Friday evening.

On Saturday last the chimneys in the houses of Messrs. Garner and Wilson were afire, causing considerable excitement, owing to the high wind.

While at work on a building, near town, Mr. John H. M. Garner stepped on a lathe which broke with him; falling, he sprained his left wrist and cut one side of his face.

Considerable excitement was caused by Mr. W. B. Davis' horse running away on Tuesday morning. He had stopped near the curb to allow his daughter to alight, and as he pulled up on the reins the bridle fell off. The animal, realizing his liberty, dashed down Wilson street at a high rate of speed, never stopping until he reached the farm of Mr. L. C. King, near town. The wagon, which came in contact with a tree, was totally demolished before the horse was out of the town limits. Fortunately neither the horse or the driver were injured.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. FOARD.

Wheat—No. 1	$1.10	Corn—	
No. 2		Yellow, shelled	65
Timothy Seed	$2.35	" cob	67
Clover Seed	.11½	Oats	62

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	30@32
Pountry Butter, per lb	30@35
Creamery Butter, per lb	39
Lard, per lb	11@14
Live Chickens, per lb	12@14
Potatoes	50

Curse Blood, Skin Diseases, Cancer Greatest Blood Purifier Free

If your blood is impure, thin, diseased hot or full of humor, if you have blood poison, cancer, carbuncles, eating sores, scrofula, eczema, itching, risings and bumps, scabby, pimply skin, bone pains, catarrh, rheumatism or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B B.). Soon all sores heal, aches and pains stop and the blood is made pure and rich Druggists or by express $1 per large bottle. Sample free by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. B. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-seated cases, as it cures after all else fails.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1909—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by W. C. Money, Executor, on the Elliott Farm, one mile west of Townsend, Del.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 1909—Public Sale of stock, farming implements, &c., by Jas. T. Shallcross, at his Home place, near McDonough. Jos. M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1909.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Harry S. Willey, on the John Townsend farm, near Townsend. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 1909.—Public sale of Household Goods and Kitchen Furniture by John P. Cochran, Jr., at his home on the road leading from Middletown to Warwick, Md.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1909.—Public Sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Manlove D. Wilson on the road leading from Fieldsborough to Noxontown Mills. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1909—Public sale of Stock, farm implements, household goods, &c., by John P. Cochran, Jr., Agt. at his residence, one mile west of Middletown.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3d. 1909.—Public Sale of stock and farming implements, by Martin B. Burris, Trustee for Michael Dignan, at the "Sandy Branch" farm, owned by Nath'l J. Williams, three miles west of Middletown.

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NOTICE!

I, JOHN C. CARROLL, tenant and occupier of the house known as the National Hotel, situated at Middletown, in School Districts No. 60, 60½ and 94, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, in compliance with the requirements of the General Assembly in such cases made and provided, do hereby give notice that I shall apply in writing to the Court of General Sessions of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, on Monday, the 1st day of March, A. D., 1909, being the next term of said Court, for a license for said house as an inn or tavern for the sale therein of intoxicating liquors in quantities less than one quart, to be drunk on the premises, and the following respectable citizens of said School District, at least six of whom are substantial freeholders of said School District, recommend the said application, viz:

C. P. Cochran,	Geo. W. Price
W. S. Letherbury,	H. W. Richards,
W. A. Comegys,	Joseph Gary,
John P. McIntyre	his
Alex. Maxwell,	Patrick x O'Neal,
Joshua Clayton, Jr.	mark
Geo. W. Peterson,	witness to O'Neal, H.
N. J. Williams,	W. Richards,
C. G. Cann,	S. Edward Lewis,
Geo. Eehenhofer,	Harry M. Black,
Cyrus Tatman,	L. V. Kirk,
W. B. Biggs,	Julian Cochran,
Harry Eliason,	Freeman Morgan,
Corbit Vinyard,	J. L. Parsons,
Theo. Whitlock.	

JOHN C. CARROLL.

Middletown, Del. Jan. 27th, 1909.

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G. E. HUKILL

Middletown, Del.

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Wholesale and Retail

Having now completed our first year in the baking business, we feel that we are in a position to give our patrons better service in the future than in the past. Thanking you for past favors and soliciting your future patronage, we remain

Very truly,

W. W. Allen & Son

Middletown, Del.

The Transcript, $1.

SALE! SALE!

The Busy Store

THE WHOLE YEAR AROUND!

AFTER the Holidays business slows down—trade goes asleep—clerks fold their arms and drouse, for there is nothing doing in most of the stores. All their stock from this season they carry over for next year. But not in this store our motto is: "Never to Carry Goods Over From One Season to Another, no Matter What the Loss May Be." In order to make things hum in our store in dull times, we go over our stock and reduce every piece of goods from 1-3 to 1-2 its regular price.

We are ready now for our Clearance Sale of all our Winter Goods. Sale Starts

Saturd'y, Jan. 30

and will last the whole month of FEBRUARY.

The Balance of Our Winter Millinery at 1-2 Regular Price

	Regular Price	Sale Price
Ladies' and Misses' Suits	$12.00 to $25.00	$7.50 to $15.00
Ladies' Coats, (all kinds)	3.50 to 15.00	1.75 to 7.50
Childrens' Coats, (all kinds)	3.50 to 7.00	1.75 to 3.50
Ladies' and Misses' Skirts	3.50 to 8.00	1.98 to 3.98
Ladies' Waists, (all kinds)	.50 to 8.00	.39 to 3.98
Children's Dresses, "	.25 to 5.00	.19 to 2.00
Ladies' Wrappers, "	.98 to 1.25	all at .75
Dressing Flan'elette "	.49	all at .39
Furs, "	.98 to 12.00	.50 to 4.50
Quilts, "	1 25 to 5.00	.98 to 1.98
Blankets, "	1.00 to 7.50	.75 to 4.50
House Dresses, "	.98 to 1.50	.75 to .98
Sheets, "	.50 to .85	.39 to .65
Pillow Cases, "	.12½	all at .10
Corsets, the W. B. make, all reduced 15 per cent.		
Silk and Bear Skin Baby Caps, .25 to 1 50		all at .25

Our Muslin Underwear Sale Also Starts To-day

With one of the prettiest stocks of ready-made Muslin Underwear you ever saw. Most of them are Samples, which you will buy at 33 per cent. less than the wholesale price. Don't miss it. Come early.

Night Gowns, Petticoats, Chemise, Drawers and Corset Covers.

A. FOGEL,

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THIS WEEK

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Notice to Stockholders

—OF—

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You are hereby notified that on January 4th, 1909, in conformity with Section 39 of the General Corporation Law of Delaware, the following resolution was adopted by a majority of the whole Board of Directors of this Company.

Resolved, That it is deemed advisable in the judgment of the Board of Directors of the AMERICAN LIQUIDATING COMPANY and most for the benefit of said corporation, that said corporation should be dissolved; and further

Resolved, That a meeting of the stockholders of said corporation be called for the eighth day of February, 1909, at eleven o'clock A. M., to be held at the office of this corporation, at No. 29 Broadway, room 168, in the city of New York, state of New York, to take action upon the foregoing resolution.

And you are hereby notified to be present at said meeting.

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REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Jan. 13, 1909

Upon the application of Howard A. Pool, Administrator of Ella P. Cochran, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administrator aforesaid give notice of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein ten times.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written. (SEAL)

FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the Thirteenth day of January, A. D. 1909, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the said Administrator on or before the Thirteenth day of January 1910, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided

HOWARD A. POOL,
Administrator.

Address, Howard A. Pool
McDonough, Delaware.

.: CUPID AND PEGASUS .:

BY JEAN MEYERS

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

I consider every word of that criticism unmanly—and—yes—cowardly. By what right do you mock at that woman's love, and hold her most sacred feelings up to ridicule? A man who would do such a thing would prove nothing but a brutal husband—and there—there is your ring, Mr. Stuart!

The diamonds flashed unheeded on the table, and Helen paused for breath.

A dark flush had mounted to Harvey's forehead at the utterance of the word "cowardly;" but he had great self-restraint, and believing that Helen could not be herself he said, quietly:

I don't think that you realize what you are saying, Helen. Why should you resent, as an insult, a perfectly just criticism? To convince you of the absurdity of what you are saying, I shall lend you the poems I reviewed, and then you will see that I have not said a word too much, but that they were written by some little fool who wanted to see herself in print.

O cruel Fates! Why could not some kind power have stricken Harvey Stuart with dumbness, before he made such an offer? The utter irony of the situation struck Helen, and she laughed bitterly. Harvey was so convinced that she must be ill that, at the sound of her hysterical merriment, he tried to draw her to him.

My child, you are nervous and feverish. I had better leave, and then you must go upstairs and try to sleep. Shall I send you those ridiculous "Reveries?" They might have a soporific effect.

Helen flung off the hand he had placed on her arm, and exclaimed, in a voice hoarse with desperation:

Don't say one more insulting word. Can't you understand that I wrote that book, and that you are, or were, the object of my affection who is to be pitied?

In a flash Harvey recollected several expressions that were certainly Helen's and a realization of the cruelty of all he had said made him sink feebly back into his chair. Then, with the poor tact which distinguishes man, he rushed upon destruction.

My poor girl! Why didn't you tell me about it? I did not dream that you ever wrote such stuff.

Helen quivered, but only said: Be good enough to accept that ring and leave me. I am tired.

Helen, surely you will not let such a trifle part us. My dear, I do not love you because I thought you could write poetry. My criticism was most unfortunate, but you are acting very unreasonably in treating me like this. But I see that you are tired, so I shall leave you. Perhaps in the morning you will be prepared to do me justice.

My only wish is that I may never see your face again.

The next moment Helen found herself alone, but the diamond ring lay sparkling on the table. She took it up disdainfully and went upstairs.

Mr. Stuart took a long walk and thought over the situation. He was a singularly just man and could realize the exquisite mortification that a girl like Helen would feel, and even the unpleasant adjectives she had flung at him were forgiven. Of course, it was utterly impossible for such a thing to part them, but he would give Helen two or three days to think over the trouble, and then such a sensible person would see that all the pain had been most innocently inflicted. So thought the wise Mr. Stuart, forgetting, that Solomon himself could not find out the alphabet of woman's nature. When Harvey reached his rooms he took down the "Reveries" and surveyed the cover for a moment.

It's just like her—dainty perfection. He read several of the poems again and then turned to the only one he had praised—"My Hero." The first eight lines were truly poetic, and now he could read between them. His eyes grew misty and he muttered "The poor child. What a brute she must think me!" As he laid down the book he caught sight of a parcel on the table. He tore off the wrapper and the Stiletto peered maliciously at him. With an exclamation unfit for publication in the books of the "Elsie" series he flung the ill-starred magazine into the fire and watched the leaves as they shriveled to ashes. Even to the last page the eyes of a leering elf seemed to be gleaming at him from the bars.

Two days after Helen received a manly, earnest letter from Mr. Stuart begging her to consider how utterly innocent he had been in his offense, and how truly sorry he was for any distress that she had suffered. In fact, the letter was almost too reasonable, too judicial in its tone. Helen needed petting, not logic.

So, when Harvey got home on Friday night, after a weary day in court, he found a white package on his study table. On opening it he discovered a bundle of letters, some prettily bound books and a few jeweled trinkets. He opened a letter which lay on top of the books. From it dropped a ring, and he read:

"Dear Mr. Stuart—After reading once more my unfortunate volume and the criticism in the Stiletto, I have come to the conclusion that you are right and that the object of my regard is deserving of pity. In compassion for you I beg to say that you may consider our engagement at an end. You will please burn my letters, or, if you prefer, send a criticism of their "sickly sentiment" to one of our high class magazines. I remain, your sincere friend,

H. ROBERTS.

The letter dropped from Harvey's hand and he looked with a rigid face at the returned gifts. He loved Helen in the silent, intense fashion known only to such a nature as his. That his earnest appeal to her affection and common sense (why on earth did he appeal to her common sense?) should elecit such a reply, cut him to the heart.

That settles it, he said grimly, and for the future may I be kept far from women. The best of them have precious little brains or heart.

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On Saturday Helen told her parents that there would be no wedding in December and refused to give any reason for this change of plans except "Mr. Stuart and I could not agree.

H-m. The disagreement must have been about grave subjects, said Dr. Roberts, with a keen glance at his daughter's face.

We—did not think alike on literary subjects, said Helen, in a confused way. Please don't say any more about it.

Dr. Roberts would have liked to question her further, but he saw that in spite of the girl's pride she was suffering keenly. So like an obedient American parent, he shrugged his shoulders and left her.

Helen was no believer in the Byronic doctrine, that, as for love, 'Tis woman's whole existence." Therefore, she took long and vigorous walks, industriously translated the driest German she could find, and practiced Bach's fugues until she was exhausted. When she met Harvey, her smile was politeness itself; and Chesterfield might not have blushed to own the air with which Mr. Stuart raised his "deer stalker."

So a month went by, and, on one particularly dreary November afternoon, Helen determined to take a long tramp. She walked until she reached Farmer Goodson's maple grove, two miles east of the city, and there she sat down to rest on a pile of yellow leaves. Helen had a sense of loneliness as she sat there, and, after a few miments, arose and tried to find her way back to the road. There was a large field to be crossed, and she had not gone far on the path through it before she realized that two dark eyes were gazing at her in what she considered a highly dangerous fashion. The eyes did not belong to a ragged tramp or an escaped lunatic. Ah, no! they belonged to that infinitely more perilous creature—a spritely cow. Now Helen was possessed of an unusually strong mind and will. She had one weakness, however, that all her strength of mind and will could not overcome—a fear of the bovine race. No matter how mildly the cow might regard her, the glance of those brown eyes meant pursuit and a violent death. While Helen had been musing on the charms of autumn and the dreariness of life "Bess" had wandered from her corner, and now stood directly in the path. By some strange twist of Destiny, Farmer Goodson had been seized with a bad attack of asthma the night before, and Mr. Stuart had been summoned that afternoon to draw up the old man's will. He had done so, and was walking down the lane from the house when he caught sight of Helen seated in the woods. As she paused on her way through the field he was surprised, but the sight of Bess explained her hesitation; so he quietly climbed the fence and walked toward her. Helen heard nothing, but continued to gaze in fascination into the Juno-like orbs of the fearsome cow. Suddenly Bess, who was a playful creature, lowered her head. Helen gave a shrill cry, flung her silk umbrella and silver purse at the cow's head, and turned to flee. She saw Harvey some distance off, and with utter disregard for reveries or reviews she rushed forward and flung herself into his arms, exclaiming:

Oh, Harvey! forgive me and save me.

During the past month Mr. Stuart had been thinking hard things about women and their tickle ways. But when a trembling girl with fluttering heart casts herself upon a man's protection, he cannot, in all humanity, bid her stand alone. So Harvey Stuart only held the slight, gray clad form tightly, and said:

Don't be frightened. You won't be hurt.

Bess, after planting a foot on the umbrella and calmly surveying the purse, gave a snort and retreated toward the grove. After a time, Helen raised her head.

A man has a very small nature who wants a woman to say "forgive me" twice, said Helen, with a pout.

Helen, what do you mean? and Miss Roberts' hands are held in a firm grasp.

I mean that it is getting cold, and you had better pick up my umbrella and purse, and—and I think mother would like you to come home with me to dinner.

Will you become Mrs. Stuart on Christmas day?

Will you promise never—never—even when we have our worst quarrels, to tease me about those hateful poems?

Helen, what do you think of me?

Helen's reply to this question was incoherent.

When Dr. Roberts came home to dinner that evening he was surprised to find Harvey ensconced in his old chair in the library. He shook hands with him heartily, and said:

Why, how is this? Helen told me that she respected you highly but that it was quite impossible for you to agree on some important matter—literature, I think it was.

Helen's cheeks grew crimson, but Harvey gravely said:

We have agreed not to talk upon literary topics, and Helen considers that she really is in need of my protection.

So the last state of these two lovers was better than the first. Helen burned her poetry, and Harvey sent a curt refusal when the managing editor of the Stiletto asked for a further contribution.

Christmas eve was a perfect winter night, and, as Helen was listening to the "bells across the snow," Harvey entered the room and stood beside her. The moonlight was turning the snowy trees and fields into a world of jewels, and its frost beauty was almost painful in its stillness.

What have your thoughts been all the time? asked Harvey at last.

"Reveries," answered Helen, softly.

TO STOP HICCOUGHS

Dr. Louis Kolipinski reports the arres of persistent hiccough by depressing the tongue. A patient was attacked by hiccough which had persisted for four days before being seen by the doctor. He complained of the fullness in his throat, a complained of the fullness in his throat, of the hiccough.

He was directed to sit up, and with a large spoon handle the tongue was pressed down and back with steady force to allow inspection of the fauces. Firm pressure on the tongue with the hope of further noting the action of the palatal muscles was continued when to the doctor's surprise and the patient's astonishment and joy the hiccough ceased. When the hiccough returned the patient himself stopped it by using the spoon handle.

MISTLETOE

It is high time that something was done about our mistletoe literature that crops up so regularly during the holiday season. It systematizes about as follows:

The joke about the girl who wears a sprig of mistletoe on her head.

The joke about the mistletoe that didn't come in time, and the girl asks (always) coyly) whether they cannot get along without it.

The church trimming mistletoe joke.

The sprig of mistletoe that the long lover, on his dramatic return on Christmas eve, always draws out of his pocket at the end of the story.

The fact is that the mistletoe has now degenerated into a chestnut. It no longer serves any useful literary purpose. It should be worn only by mothers-in-law.

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USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

In the treatment of bruises where there is extensive discoloration of the skin, if olive oil be freely applied without rubbing, the discoloration will quickly disappear. Absorbent cotton may be soaked in the oil and applied. If the skin is broken, a little boric acid should be applied over the abrasion. A black eye thus treated can be rendered normal in a few hours, especially if the oil be applied warm.

To clean fancy denim or cretonne sofa pillow covers, where soap and water cannot be used, make a thick paste of starch and water and cover the soiled and stained surfaces; let it remain till perfectly dry, when it can be brushed off. Repeat the operation if the stains have not entirely disappeared.

Difficulty is sometimes found in cleaning successfully raised leather blotters and frames, brown shoe polish, which is sometimes employed, being apt to darken the leather, much as it does in the matter of footgear. Turpentine, however, can be safely used, it is said, in this connection, as a polisher, and can be applied over and over again without any ill effects being noticeable, while it effectually removes any stains which may disfigure the leather. After rubbing on the turpentine, a little crude oil should be vigorously applied with a piece of flannel, the object being to render the leather soft and pliable; turpentine, unless counteracted by oil, having the effect of hardening it to a certain extent. After this has been done, a soft clean cloth should be used as a polisher, and the surface rubbed gently backward and forward till the requisite shine has been attained.

Ordinary sour buttermilk is a better tonic, is a better food than was ever bottled or boxed up by the chemist or doctor. Buttermilk is a very hearty food. Two glasses a day is enough for anyone. This should be drunk with meals, or else should not be taken within two hours of a meal. Time should be given for it to thoroughly digest before anything else is taken into the stomach. It takes buttermilk considerably over an hour to digest, and to drink another glass before the first one is digested is only to stir up difficulty with the digestive organs. Really, the best way to drink buttermilk is with the meals, though it may be drunk between meals as a sort of easily digested lunch.

Try dropping warm glycerine into the ears when an attack of temporary deafness or earache comes on.

A good remedy for burns is a strong solution of salts in water. It not only relieves pain, but helps to heal the wounds.

There is nothing better for relieving blistered or burning feet than to moisten the inside of the shoe with a little whisky from time to time.

The only way to properly treat a sprain is to give the strained muscle complete rest, and apply cloths wrung out of hot water to ease the pain.

In a case of poisoning, a doctor should always be sent for, and the patient meantime given one or two glasses of tepid water containing a tablespoonful of mustard.

Cramp in the calf of the leg can be stopped by stretching out the leg and putting down the heel. Cramp in the foot can be cured by separating the toes with the fingers.

A cup of hot milk or very hot water is an excellent reviver for exhausted people, and should be taken by those who have had to wait so long for a meal that the appetite seems to have gone.

When the head aches from overwork or worry, apply flannel wrung out of very hot water to the back of the neck and bathe the face and temples with warm water, and then lie down for a short time if possible.

The most stubborn cases of neuralgia are apt to yield to hot water treatment. Wherever the pain is located, there a hot water bag should be applied. The suffering part should be wrapped in a blanket, and the unfortnate patient should be put to bed and covered with more blankets, and induced to drink at least three cups of water as hot as the palate can stand. This treatment may seem severe, but it is sure to bring relief. Of course, the patient should be careful not to take cold when cooling off after this treatment.

Black dresses can be much freshened by sponging with alcohol mixed with water in the quantities of one part of alcohol to three of water. The garments should be sponged on the right side and then pressed on the wrong.

To improve your ironing, rub flatirons with beeswax and salt. Tie the wax in cloth and apply this briskly to the iron while hot; afterward rub it in a paper containing salt, and the irons will pass fat more smoothly over the clothes.

When any frying operation is finished, remember to draw the pan of fat to one side of the stove at once, to prevent it from burning. When it is somewhat cooler, strain the fat through a sieve into the basin in which it is usually kept, so that it will be ready for use again.

Don't stick your fork, when baking a roast, again and again into the meat and so let out the juices and flavor. Don't flour the joint at all; sprinkle with salt only. Don't boil fish; steam it by placing a saucer under the strainer to raise it from the water.

Silver spoons, as well as vinaigrettes and other small silver trinkets, may be easily brightened without the addition of silver powder by placing them in an aluminum receptacle and pouring boiling water over them. Polishing should be effected by means of a piece of clean chamois leather; but in adopting this treatment it must be remembered that the silver should never be allowed to become tarnished.

Put an orange or a lemon in the jar or box with your newly made sweet cakes or cookies and you will find it will give them a delicate and delicious flavor. Dried orange or lemon peel will do the same.

FOR RENT.—House and Stable, east Main street, now occupied by Edgar B. Vail. G. E. HUKILL.

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FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

In a Wisconsin experiment, 21 pigs fed on rape for eight weeks gained 57 pounds more weight than the same number fed on clover for the same time. But rape alone does not make an ideal food for gain. Some grain must be fed.

At the Missouri Station, four pounds of shelled corn, when combined with timothy hay, made an average gain of about two-thirds of a pound daily per steer, while the same amount of corn, when combined with cow-pea hay, produced more than one and a half pounds daily. The combination of cow-pea hay and shelled corn was more than twice as efficient as was the combination of timothy hay and corn.

The Colorado Agricultural College has a horseshoeing department, so as to teach the proper method of horseshoeing.

Generally, the most profitable hog is the one that farrows early in spring, and sent to market the latter part of the same year. A hog less than a year old that can be made to weigh 200 to 250 pounds will be profitable. It seldom pays to keep a hog over winter unless the conditions are favorable.

Colic in horses is generally the result of careless or improper feeding. The stomach of the horse is small, and the digestion is limited, and if the horse is hungry and overfed, or is allowed to gulp down a big feed, colic is the result. Also if musty hay or musty, sour feed is used or if fresh-cut grass wet with dew or rain is hastily eaten in large quantities, colic is often the result.

The famous English harness blacking is made as follows: Three ounces of turpentine and two ounces of white wax are dissolved together over a slow fire. Then add one ounce of ivory black and one dram of indigo well pulverized and mix together. When the wax and turpentine are dissolved, add the ivory black and indigo and stir until cold. Apply thin. Wash afterward, and you will have a beautiful polish. This blacking keeps the leather soft and is excellent for harness and buggy tops.

Here is a spavin and ringbone remedy recommended by a noted veterinarian: Turpentine, three-quarters of a pint; wood alcohol, three-quarters of a pint; tincture of iodine, three-quarters of a pint; camphor gum, six ounces; crude petroleum, one and one-half ounces; oil of thyme, one-half ounce. Cut the camphor into small pieces and dissolve it in the alcohol and turpentine, mixed. Then mix in the other ingredients and shake thoroughly. Before applying wash the parts well with strong soapsuds, taking care to wash off any discharge. For ringbone cut off the hair and rub the remedy in for 15 minutes every other day. For spavin rub for the same time every day.

The first thing in the morning hens should begin scratching. A few handfuls of grain thrown in the litter after the birds have gone to roost will give them something to do that will warm up their blood as soon as they leave the roost.

The right temperature of water for scalding hogs is 180 degrees. If any part of the hair does not readily slip, cover the spot with refuse hair and apply scalding water. Pull out, rather than shave off, all hair to make a good job. During the scalding process the hog should be frequently turned and drawn out of the scalding barrel or vat for airing. Hair comes out easiest immediately after scalding, while the skin is warm and moist.

In salting or sugar-curing pork, apply the preservatives to the meat before all of the animal heat has fully left it. After the meat becomes cold and rigid the preservatives are slow in striking in, do not penetrate deeply and the meat is very liable to spoil when warm weather comes.

Professor Boss, of the Minnesota Agricultural College, says that statistics of the actual hours of labor on the farms investigated show that farmers work nine hours a day in the summer and between four and five in the winter. Professor Bailey, of the Roosevelt Farm Life Commission, tells the story of the schoolma'am working from 9 until 4 until she married a farmer, and had to work from 4 to 9.

The Indian corn crop for 1908 amounted to 2,643,000,000 bushels. The crops of three years have exceeded this, but only the crop of one year (1906) exceeded it very much. The value of the crop is estimated at $1,615,000,000. The price of corn is exceptionally high. There are only two years in which the farm price of this crop was as high as it is for this year. In 1881 the price was 63.6 cents; in 1901, when there was only two-thirds of an ordinary crop, the price was 60.5 cents. The total value of this crop is by far the highest ever reached. The crop of 1902 was worth a billion dollars, and the crops of 1904, 1905 and 1906 were worth $100,000,000 more; the great increase of $300,000,000 over the crop of 1902 was made in 1907, and now the increase is $600,000,000—equal to the gold in the treasury of a rich nation.

It is always advisable in feeding sheep not to feed too much corn. Clover, hay and corn in equal parts, by weight, should be given during the fattening period. Except for fattening purposes it is better not to feed sheep on corn at all. Corn is said to contain about 60 per cent. of starch and 6 per cent. of oil, both being very digestible. Oil makes fat and the starch produces heat and also fat. On account of its heat-producing power it is inadvisable to feed corn. Because of there not being any great quantity of protein in corn it is necessary to feed something else with it—either clover or alfalfa.

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WALTER BEASTEN,
Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS
—OF—
Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1908 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be AT BLACKBIRD, WATSON'S STORE FEBRUARY 20th, 1909, From 1 to 3 P. M. AT FLEMING'S LANDING, FEBRUARY 22d, 1909, From 1 to 3 P. M. AT DELANEY'S, (DAVIS' STORE) FEBRUARY 26th, 1909, From 1 to 3 P. M.

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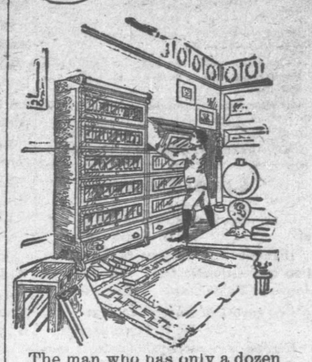

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